



SMALL TOWN, BIG BEACH

Beautification Board

TO: Steve Burrow
Rodney Powell
Jimmie VanValkenburgh
Jim Bauer
Mary Wayne Gilmore
Margaret Griffin
Linda Bender
Carolyn Doughty
Mark Acreman
Harlan Harrison

FROM: Evelyn Sanders, Chairman

DATE: March 2, 2016

The regular meeting of the Beautification Board is set for **8:30 A.M., Wednesday, March 9, 2016**, in the **Administrative Conference Room** in City Hall.

Call Kathy Brown at City Hall (968-1166) if you are unable to attend the regular meeting.

FYI via email: Mayor Robert Craft
City Administrator Steve Griffin
Council Members: Philip Harris, Joe Garriss, Jason Dyken, Steve Jones
Andy Bauer
Jennifer Watkins
Abby Rhodes

AGENDA

BEAUTIFICATION BOARD

March 9, 2016

- I. Call to Order
- II. Welcome guests and members
- III. Approval of Minutes from February 10, 2016 meeting
- IV. Old Business
 - A. Arbor Day (Mary Wayne)
 - B. Beautification Award (Steve & Rodney)
 - C. Media & website (Mary Wayne)
 - D. New Project (Mary Wayne)
 - E. Landscape work update (Harlan & Mark)
 - F. Planning & Zoning update (Jennifer Watkins)
 - G. Council Update (Carolyn Doughty)
- V. Other old business
- VI. New Business
- VII. Meeting date and time
- VIII. Meeting adjourn

Gulf Shores Beautification Board Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting
February 10, 2016

The Gulf Shores Beautification Board met on February 10, 2016, in the Personnel Conference Room of the Gulf Shores City Hall. The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Evelyn Sanders, Chairman. Evelyn thanked Mary Wayne Gilmore for serving as Chairman in her absence at the last meeting.

Members present: Evelyn Sanders, Steve Burrow, Rodney Powell, Jimmie Van Valkenburgh, Mary Wayne Gilmore, Margaret Griffin, Linda Bender, Carolyn Doughty, Mark Acreman, and Harlan Harrison .

Mary Wayne Gilmore made a motion to approve the minutes of the February 10, 2016, meeting with corrections as stated. The motion was seconded and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Arbor Day- Harlan Harrison reported that he has received the award strips for the Tree City USA Award and the Growth Award Boards. Mark Acreman discussed the methods for receiving points for our two Awards. A discussion followed and it was recommended that the Board needs to be more organized and determine our goals for the year. We have a budget for the trees to be given away and tree maintenance is done by the City of Gulf Shores. Evelyn Sanders stated that the Beautification Board is in charge of keeping track of their points for *Tree City USA* and the City has the responsibility of keeping track of the points for the *Growth Award*.

Mary Wayne Gilmore, Chairman, reported that Arbor Day will be held on February 27, 2016, from 8:30 - 10:30 a.m. at Sims Park Pavilion. She has prepared an outline of the duties the next Chairman needs to be aware of and placed the information in a folder to be passed to the next Chairman. Pictures of the Arbor Day Poster Contest Winners will be taken during the Arbor Day Festivities. The publicity articles are to be submitted to Abby Rhodes and Sandy Carden. Harlan Harrison passed out the tags for the members to write the names of the trees on. The six trees to be given away are: American Hornbeam, Fringe Tree, Green Ash, Pond Cypress, Sweet Bay Magnolia, and Willow Oak. There will be 100 of each variety of trees available. Each resident will receive four tickets to select their trees. Special drawings will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. for a total of six *Owari* Satsumas. Three Satsumas will be given away at each drawing and the person has to be in attendance to win. A list of jobs for each Board member was given out and discussed. Each Beautification Board member is to be at Sims Park Pavilion at 7:30 a.m. to help with the setup of the Tree Stations.

Beautification Board Award - Rodney Powell stated that the Residential Beautification Award was presented to Charlotte and Gene Hill after our last meeting on January 13, 2016. The Hills have a beautiful front and back yard and were very appreciative of the Award. They had prepared special snacks for the Board afterwards.

Media – Mary Wayne Gilmore reported that a copy of the Arbor Day Proclamation and all other information pertaining to Arbor Day has been sent to Abby Rhodes.

Website – Margaret Griffin is working on putting a link to our Website so that citizens of Gulf Shores can submit names for the Residential and Business Beautification Awards. She also will be researching the history of the Beautification Board.

New Project – Linda Bender has presented an idea to the Board to build a Sensory Garden. Harlan Harrison has talked with Coach Jones about plans and construction of a Raised Garden Box Planter. The Beautification Board will help put it together along with the help of the Green Industry at Gulf Shores High School.

Council Update – Carolyn Doughty reported that ALDOT has begun work on Highway 59 for access management. Several plans for economic development are being studied. She encouraged everyone to vote on March 1, 2016.

Landscape Work Update – Harlan Harrison, Landscape Supervisor, gave a box with historical data to Margaret Griffin who is currently working on the history of the Beautification Board. Evelyn Sanders has two scrap books that she will let us use to get historical information of the Board. A suggestion was made to let Christie Shannon scan this information into the computer at the Gulf Shores Museum.

Harlan reported that spring cuttings have been taken and are growing. The beds in the Butterfly Garden have been cut back. New plants are being planted in the beds at Mo's Landing and St. Andrews Church. He is compiling a list of plants that are suitable to grow in our area to go on our Website. Past winners of Awards presented by the Beautification Board were given to Abby Rhodes by Margaret Griffin and will be added to our website in the future.

Mark Acreman, Public Works Director, stated that the City is constructing several eight-foot wide sidewalks. A Grant is being resubmitted for sidewalks from Ft. Morgan to the W. C. Holmes Bridge. Also, a Tiger Grant for more walkways and accesses is being resubmitted.

Planning and Zoning – None

The next meeting of the Beautification Board will be on March 9, 2016, at 8:30 a.m. With no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmie Van Valkenburgh
Secretary